REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 are currently pending in the application, as amended. New claims 2 and 3 have been added. Support for new claims 2 and 3 can be found in Figs. 1-3 and at page 4, lines 1-10 of the specification.

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Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,520,208. The Examiner argues that although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they differ merely by wording and scope. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection in view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 6,520,208 and the presently pending application are commonly owned by Teijin Seiki Co., Ltd. Applicant is filing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Statement of Common Ownership in compliance with 35 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) in order to overcome the double patenting rejection. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer and supporting references, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the obviousness type double patenting rejection of claim 1.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 to 3, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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